

**Application No.: 10/786,162****Docket No.: 713-1008****REMARKS**

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 7-9, 16-18 and 26-28 is noted with appreciation.

Allowable claims 7, 16 and 26-28 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the respective base claims and intervening claims. The non-allowed claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, all claims pending in the instant application, i.e., claims 7-9, 16-18 and 26-28, are in allowable form.

It should be noted that the above amendments have been made solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution and are not necessitated by the Examiner's rejections.

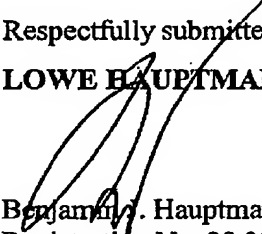
Early indication of allowance in view of the above amendments is believed appropriate and therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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